

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Export Promotion Council (EPC) has prepared a perspective plan for child labour abolition in specific areas; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A code of conduct which all exporters registered with the Carpet Export Promotion Council have to comply with, has been formulated with the following parameters:

(i) All looms must be registered with the Council,

(ii) Carpets woven on registered looms can only be exported which have commitment not to use Child Labour. Academy of Management Studies, Lucknow which is a research based professional organisation, is authorized by the Carpet Export Promotion Council to carry out random inspections to detect instances of illegal Child labour. These instances are duly reported to the District Authorities for legal action. The Council ensures deregistration of the looms and blacklisting of the exporters, if any violation of the prescribed code is established.